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Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

News and Information from the
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Men Gather To Learn

by Ron Sailer

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On October 8 Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center hosted 57 men from the Northwest and Southwestern Washington Synods; the men represented 18 congregations. The purpose of this one-day retreat was to revitalize men's ministries in the northwest.

Our morning speaker was Doug Haugen, National Director of Men in Mission. Doug shared with us *A Vision for Young Men's Ministry* (www.elca.org/lmm/images/visionyoungmen.pdf). We also learned that men's ministries go far beyond the small groups and Bible study that we traditionally define as *Men's Ministry*. Car repair, buildings and grounds, music ministries, sports teams—wherever men congregate—there is a ministry.

Our afternoon speaker was Ed Nesselhuf, cowboy poet and Executive Director of Prison Congregations of America. Ed is establishing a congregation behind the walls of the men's prison facility at Shelton. Matthew 25:35-36 defines the ministries to which men may be called. In what ministries are your men involved?

Join us in planning future events using the forums located on our men's website (www.OurMIM.org). Your participation is welcomed.

A special thanks to Bob Merrill and the staff at Camp Lutherwood for their gracious hospitality. Please keep them in your prayers and help in the support of their fantastic ministry.

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Update
ELCA Board of Pensions

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- **Formulary Changes Coming in 2006**—Express Scripts prescription drug formulary will undergo changes in 2006 that may involve the medications you receive and your copayment. Several highly used medications will become nonformulary (highest copayment) in 2006. For more information see www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/health_benefits/formulary_changes.asp
- **Have Questions About The New Medicare Drug Coverage?**—For the majority of ELCA plan members, ELCA prescription drug coverage through Express Scripts is better than the new Medicare drug coverage. Learn five important facts of your prescription drug coverage at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/health_benefits/med_part_d.asp
- **Set up A Flexible Spending Account For Your Employees**—Flexible spending accounts can help employees manage out-of-pocket expenses such as health care or day care costs by allowing them to set aside payroll dollars on a pretax basis. To learn more about flexible spending accounts, see www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/administrators/fsa.asp

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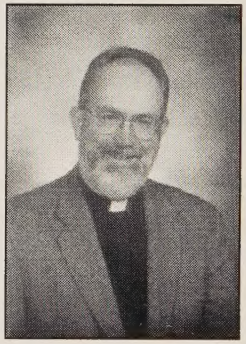
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Chris Boerger

At the 2005 Synod Assembly we passed a resolution encouraging congregations to move toward sharing a tithe of unrestricted income as mission support of the synod and churchwide organization. This resolution was adopted several times during the early years of this synod. In this time of abundance, it would be appropriate for us to explore this aspect of life together as God's holy people.

I still remember a pastor/mentor of mine saying that the tithe was the starting point of the Biblical understanding of life among God's people. He is also the one who reminded me that the invitation for *tithes and offerings* that was a part of our liturgy was based on the understanding that the tithe was the beginning and the offerings were over and above the tithe.

The statistics say that ELCA Lutherans share 1.8 percent of household income with their congregations. ELCA congregations send 6.4 percent of their undesignated income to the Synod. Synods send 50 percent of their mission support (Northwest Washington sends 45 percent) to the Churchwide expression.

The old *joke* that the good news is that we have enough money to do all that God asks us to do, but the bad news is that it is still in our wallets, is true. We are an abundant and wealthy people. In comparison to the rest of the world we are too rich. I believe that God will judge us on our use of the vast wealth and power we control in this world.

Giving to the congregation or to the synod does not come because of these aspects of God's law. We do not give to escape the accusing finger of God. We give because we share in the mission of God. God is using our small efforts to do miraculous work. The task is for us to imagine and support what could be done if we are inspired to serve with our tithes. We need to hear the law and we need to be inspired by God's saving Word to respond.

Certainly, we live in a time when people want to vote with their dollars or to control the work their money supports. That is another question of faithful stewardship on the part of the congregation, synod and churchwide. That, too, needs to be examined by the law and the gospel. But our financial decisions are decisions that reflect our faith, not just our wealth. I invite you to use this synod resolution as the basis of teaching good stewardship among your members. I invite you to use this example of tithe as a way the congregation you serve can model this to its members.

"...blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything."

Genesis 14:20
NRSV

Synod Council Update

by Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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The Synod Council met on September 17 at Bethlehem in Marysville.

The Council made appointments as follows: **Julianna Rigg** (Ballard First, Seattle) to the LPPO Advisory Council; **DeDe Boerger** (Christ the King, Snohomish) to the Constitution and Legal Matters Committee; **Richard Bridges** (Trinity, Lynnwood), **Cindy Kopperstad** (Grace, Des Moines) and **Dianne Johnson** (Lord of Life, Renton) to the 2006 Synod Assembly Planning Task Force; **Rev. Paul Fauske** (Holy Trinity, Mercer Island), **Rev. G. Lee Kluth** (Trinity, Everett), **Paul Wold** (Nativity, Renton) to the 2006 Nominating Committee; and **Rev. Chris Berry** (WWU Campus Ministry) as chair of the 2006 Reference & Counsel Committee.

The Council declared vacant the youth position and the unrestricted clergy position. There are currently six vacancies on the Synod Council.

Bishop Boerger informed the Council on two retirements: Steve Lansing, Region 1 Administrator, effective Jan. 31, 2006; and Rev. Neal Buckaloo, ELCA deployed staff to Region 1 for the Division for Ministry and Department for Synodical Relations, effective Aug. 1, 2006.

The Council discussed Synod priorities, as proposed by Bishop Boerger:

- Start new ministries and assist existing congregations retool their ministry.
- Lay Theological Education, as a first step in providing multiple training opportunities for all members.
- Increase synod support and programming for *normal* congregational activity.
- Increase communication between synod council and congregations.
- Relationships with social service ministries of the church.

Actions Regarding Synod Assembly

- Approved minutes from the 2005 Synod Assembly. The minutes are available at www.lutheransnw.org.
- Heard from Leena Prindle (Grace, Bellevue) representing the Youth Committee. The Council acted on the resolution Concerning Youth as Additional Voting Members at the Synod Assembly, which was unfinished business from the 2005 Synod Assembly: to establish at least one additional voting member designated as a youth position for each congregation, youth being defined as a confirmed member of the congregation not yet having reached the age of 21 by the time of the Synod Assembly.
- Rev. Howard Wennes, former bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod, is the keynote speaker at the 2006 Synod Assembly.

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Report of the Synod Treasurer

By Richard Bridges, Treasurer

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"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life." - Sandra Carey

We, the Synod Finance Committee, write to provide knowledge since our wisdom is not pervasive.

The synod is solvent but the signs of good health seem reticent. Revenue to the synod is off 3 percent from last year and 5 percent down from what was budgeted. To stay in step, spending has also been kept to 5 percent under budget; except that mileage reimbursement, like with everybody, is some overspent.

Since it looks like we will barely reach $1,400,000 in revenue and the budget approved last May for the period Feb. 1, 2006, to Jan. 31, 2007, totals $1,500,000, the Finance Committee will recommend a lower level. The Council, at its January meeting, will act on the proposal. Hopefully, we are wrong in this pessimistic view but it is the God's gift to finance people to always be down in the mouth; even when things are very good. Selah.

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what is not being said." - Peter F. Drucker

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Synod Council Update

- Adopted a process and timeline for the 2007 election of a bishop in the Northwest Washington Synod.

Other Actions

Heard from Gary Sievert (Prince of Peace, Shoreline), chair, Outreach Team, and Rev. Jeff Gaustad (Christ the King, Snohomish), council liaison to the Outreach Team about new and renewal ministries and grant applications.

The Council approved 2006 compensation guidelines, which include a 1.2 percent cost of living increase and revised rates for supply pastors.

The Council asked the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to bring a recommendation reflecting the new ELCA bylaw which states: Unless otherwise determined by the synod, the synodical vice president shall serve as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.

The Council referred to the Nominating Committee the 2005 Churchwide Assembly recommendation that synods consider including a youth as a voting member to future Churchwide Assemblies.

Next Meeting

For additional information or to offer input to the Synod Council, please contact any member of the council. Contact information is at www.lutheransnw.org/about/council.asp. The next Synod Council meeting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Faith in Bellingham.

Rev. Josund to Head Murdock Leadership Project

Pacific Lutheran University recently announced the appointment of Pastor Julie Josund to serve as the Director for the newly formed Institute for Clergy and Congregational Renewal. In addition, Pastor Josund will serve as director for the Transformational Leaders Project funded by the Murdock Trust which is designed to train pastors and congregational leaders in an adaptive leadership style in order to serve more effectively in the missional culture of the Pacific Northwest.

Rev. Josund has served for the past eight years as pastor of Calvary in Seattle and has been the program leader for the *Healthy Leader, Healthy Congregation* initiative of the Northwest Washington Synod. Rev. Josund holds several degrees from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary, and has a certificate in Pastoral Leadership from Seattle University where she now teaches courses in leadership.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust was created by the will of the late Melvin J. Murdock, who was a co-founder of Tektronix, Inc. of Beaverton, Ore. The Trust's mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants to organizations that seek to strengthen the region's educational and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways.

Lutherans Are Generous To Gulf Coast Survivors

Lutherans from across the United States and around the world have raised about $20 million to support Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts in the U.S. Gulf Coast. Members of the ELCA have given $11.45 million as of Oct. 6, and members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) sent $8.5 million.

"I am grateful for all the gifts of prayers, volunteers and, most of all, financial contributions which will help fund a long- term response to the two hurricanes in the Gulf Coast," said Kathryn Sime, director for the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

"Lutherans in this country and overseas have responded generously and continue to do so even six weeks after the first hurricane. I am especially thankful for those donors supporting our Gulf Coast response who have also contributed to (other relief efforts), such as the famine in Niger and the silent disaster of chronic hunger and poverty," Sime said.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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Greetings Advocates. November is always a time to vote and a time to give thanks. Yes, those two can go together – believe it or not! Voting and giving thanks can go together just like the two hands of advocacy. Let me explain.

Voting and Giving Thanks.

Yes, we need to give thanks for the institution of government, even when we have deep disagreements with those who serve in government and our elected officials. Yes, we as individuals and as a Church are to exercise our public voice to express our disagreements and opposition – that is a part of *faithful citizenship.* But, we are also to give thanks for those who serve in government such as our elected officials from city, to county, to state, to Congress – no matter what you might think of *them.* We need to do this *giving thanks* and *exercising our voice* in our homes, in our sanctuaries and in the public square.

Our Two Hands of Advocacy.

One hand is direct service to help a neighbor in need. That hand says: *our neighbor is in need, let's get busy and help.* The other hand is the hand of advocacy and asks a traditional Lutheran and still very relevant question: *what does this mean that our neighbor is in need?* In need of food, shelter, housing, health care, job training, child care and more. This hand is the intersection of faith and politics. Applying our faith where decisions are made daily that affects our neighbor in need. Decisions made in government by our elected officials whom we vote for or against, use our voice to support or oppose their votes, and are to give thanks for them as public servants.

I conclude by reminding us that giving thanks and the two hands of advocacy is our response to our baptismal vocation where God calls us to serve our neighbor and to advocate for justice and peace in all the earth (Affirmation of Baptism, Lutheran Book of Worship). This is what we are to teach in our homes and in our sanctuaries, and what we are to witness to in the public square.

Save The Date.

The Lutheran Advocacy Day in Olympia is scheduled for Thursday, February 9.

I and our LPPO shared seminary intern Jeanette Leisk are always ready to help you and your congregation talk about and do "the other" hand of advocacy. Good resources on advocacy are: www.elca.org/dcs/advocacy, www.loga.org, www.lppowa.org.

In The Context of Our Faith

Exploring Citizenship and Advocacy

Spend a day in conversation and reflection as we discover our voice as Christian citizens who understand our baptismal call to advocacy and justice by attending *Exploring Citizenship and Advocacy in the Context of Faith* from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Mary's On the Lake in Bellevue.

The conversation will be held with board members and staff of Compass Center, Lutheran Alliance To Create Housing (LATCH), Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), Lutheran Volunteer Corps and The Community Lunch on Capitol Hill.

We will examine how our faith informs and empowers us in a nation that brings both brokenness and blessing to its constituents. Dr. Bill Grace and Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda will lead the conversation and movement to action. In worship, Patricia Rengel and Boots Winterstein will create the ritual to action.

Cost is $25 for the day (including breakfast and lunch). To register and receive directions contact Sharon Greenwood at 206-283-5546 or Sharon5546@comcast.net. Space is limited to the first 40 people who register.

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ELCA Global Mission Event

by Rev. Joanne S. Pearson
Pastor, Zion in Custer

I was fortunate to attend the recent ELCA Global Mission Event (GME) in Baltimore, Md., combining it with a visit to family and a few days of continuing education. This was probably my last big continuing education adventure before retiring.

It helped to know the Baltimore area (my son-in-law works in the Camden Yards area, right across the street from the convention center, in fact his office overlooks the Orioles baseball field) especially when I took a wrong turn from my hotel one morning and I was still able to find my way to the convention center. The event was held in the beautiful spacious Baltimore Convention Center near Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

I knew the event was going to be impressive when I entered the lobby and was met by a huge colorful globe (even my grandchildren were duly impressed with that!) and I was not disappointed. From the lively global music led by veteran song leaders Jose´ Antonio Machado, Mary Preuss, and Tom Witt accompanied by their GME Music Team interns, to the many colorful and informative displays, to lively and thoughtful worship celebrations, Bible Studies, and a wide variety of Global University presentations one could hardly go away from the event not feeling grateful for the many ways we (the ELCA) make our presence known throughout the world.

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The Power of One

by Carol Wall

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The Power of One: Faith and Global Justice, Millennium Development Goals Seminar is being held on Saturday, November 19, 2005 From 8:30 a.m. to12:30 p.m. at Seattle University, Campion Tower, 914 E. Jefferson, Seattle. The NW Washington Synod is a sponsor.

Throughout history, Christians have played a significant role in major social changes. Today, we find ourselves at a vital point in time: we could see, poverty and hunger cut in half in 10 years. *The Power of One: Faith and Global Justice* intends to strengthen the movement of Christians who want to be a part of achieving justice for poor and hungry people.

Keynote speakers include Rick Steves, travel guru who is also involved with a number of charitable and social justice organizations and Mpho Tutu who served as the Director of The Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund Union – a Christian organization which promotes the well-being of families worldwide. A number of challenging and informational seminars are part of the days events.

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute...defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9 NRSV

A Conversation About Mission

Gathering to Send—Sending to Gather

Gathering to Send – Sending to Gather is the theme of a missional forum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Trinity in Lynnwood. This forum is sponsored by a partnership of congregations in the area that have discerned a need for a focused conversation about mission in our local communities and for a translation of these conversations into action.

Pastors and lay leaders in the Synod are encouraged to attend this event and add their voices to the dialogue. In addition to local mentors, we welcome Rev. Dr. N.J. Mallon and Nigel Mallon from the Leadership Center of Community Church of Joy in Arizona and LifeShapes International.

The forum will involve large and small group work and will focus:

- Examine and overcome our congregational and personal barriers to mission
- Identify those barriers
- Claim our resources
- Explore working models
- What's an established church to do? The call to mission and the art of gathering
- Tangible steps towards enhancing our missional endeavors

Registration fee is $15 per person, which includes lunch. Please call 425-778-2505 by November 15 to register with payment due at the door.

Save the Date: Partners For Nurture 2006

by Sue Houglum

The speaker for the 2006 Partners for Nurture event is Bishop Chris Boerger. He will be with us the entire day. This is a great opportunity to hang out, converse, discuss, listen to and to be heard; and a time for our Bishop to spend time with laity. Additional information will be provided in this newsletter next month.

Theme: **Peace, Justice and Hope.**

"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Date: January 28, 2006

Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah

Celebrating Ministry

in Small Congregations

Small-Church Clergy are invited to apply now for The Summer Collegium, an ecumenical project of Virginia Theological Seminary's Center for Lifetime Theological Education. All transportation, housing, meals, books and other expenses are paid by the seminary through a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Summer Collegium seeks to celebrate ministry in smaller congregations (fewer than 100 average Sunday attendance) by hosting a 9-day conference for 25 small-church clergy and their spouses/partners. The conference will bring small-church experts from a variety of denominations to the Alexandria campus for education, encouragement, refreshment and renewal, and will include a Small Church Religious Arts Festival, showcasing the arts and crafts of local small congregations.

For more information and for application materials, please visit our web site: www.vts.edu/education/collegium, email SummerCollegium@vts.edu, or call 703-461-1752. Completed applications must be received by December 15, 2005, to be considered for next summer's conference.

Open Door Ministries

Open Door Ministries will hold its fifth annual Autumn Gala Auction and Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 20610 - 44th Ave. West, Lynnwood. The evening will include silent and live auctions, dinner, drawings, and door prizes. Tickets are $50. Information and reservations: 206-784-8949.

Open Door Ministries is an extended ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod and the ELCA, providing pastoral care, support and education to individuals, families and congregations about HIV/AIDS and gay/lesbian issues.

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I was once again reminded how we world wide Lutherans are so connected with one another. Not only did I connect with a cousin from Rockford, Ill., whom I had not seen for about 15 years, but I was surprised to find out that one of the pastors of the church of which my cousin is a member, is originally from Lynnwood. So, there she is serving in a congregation in the town where I grew up and here I am serving in a congregation near where she grew up!

I met and talked with many people who have been only names to me up to now. In fact I talked with Raleigh Deffenbaugh, the director of Lutheran Immigration Services. I had met him once long ago when he was no more than knee high. He is a nephew of my husband's sister.

I was especially grateful to come away understanding a little more of what is going on in Jerusalem and our Lutheran presence there. *Peace Without Walls* was a topic covered at more than one global university session. Since I had just read Dr. Barbara Rossing's book, *Rapture Exposed*, I was eager to hear more from her and was not disappointed. She is a bundle of energy, but so knowledgeable. I am sorry I missed having her as a professor at LSTC. She came just after I had already graduated from there. But now I have a signed copy of her book!

One other thing that was mighty impressive was the bright orange and blue colored tapestry that served as the backdrop to our general sessions. During our opening celebration, a group of weavers wove a huge blue and orange basket which was finished at the end of the service. That basket remained up in front during the entire event reminding us of the theme: *Gathered by God's Grace for the Sake of the World* and the theme verse from John 6:12-13 where Jesus said "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost. So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten." (NRSV)

All of that and so much more, among which was meeting so many people from so many places, especially, in walking back and forth between hotel and convention center, and sharing meals, made me grateful I had taken the time to attend this event. The next event will be held in Amherst, Massachusetts on the campus of the University of Mass., July 27-30, 2006. If you have never been to such an event, begin planning now and saving your dollars!

News and Notes

- The annual **Synod Office Christmas Open House** will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.
- On Monday, Sept. 26, The Herald announced that **Kathy Atwood,** was recently named the first female captain of the Everett Police Department. Kathy is a member of Our Savior in Everett. Congratulations.
- **Lorraine Molzahn,** synod office volunteer and member of Luther Memorial in Seattle, was one of the honorees as a 2005 Award Recipient at the Senior Recognition Reception, sponsored by Foss Home & Village, Seattle. Special seniors are nominated by newspapers, senior centers and churches for their service to the community both before and after retirement.
- **Dr. Daniel Haskins,** member Our Saviour's in Stanwood, was voted Veterinarian of the Year by the Washington State Veterinarian Medical Association.
- **Beth Elness Hanson,** member of Cross of Christ in Bellevue, received a Laywomen Opportunity Scholarship from Women of the ELCA in 2005 to continue her education.
- **Morning Star in Monroe** has a new location. They are now sharing space with the United Methodist Church in Monroe. Their physical address is 338 S. Lewis Street, Monroe. Mailing address, phone number and email have not changed.
- ***Joy to the World,*** a one-hour ABC television special produced by the ELCA, is scheduled to air on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2005. This holiday worship service includes a joyful mix of music and praise from ELCA African American, Asian, American Indian, Arab and Middle Eastern, and Latino congregations. The rich and diverse cultural blend begins with a Santa Lucia celebration in the Swedish Lutheran tradition. While many ABC stations are airing "Joy to the World" on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m., check local listings for the exact airtime in your area. (As of this printing, KOMO-TV does not have their December calendar on their website.) To help you to promote this broadcast, visit www.elca.org/joytotheworld.
- In July, **Trinity Lutheran College** announced that it was embarking on a search for a new campus. Plans are to move to a smaller, more urban setting. Terms of the lease purchase agreement with The City Church of Kirkland, announced in February 2004, allow Trinity to remain on its campus through July 2009.
- For resources, links, news and much more visit the synod's website at **www.lutheransnw.org.**

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Chuck Davis,** Counseling Associates in Edmonds, and his **wife Nancy**
- † **Rev. Carol Jensen, St. John United, Seattle**
- † **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.) and his wife Pat**
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**

We pray for:

- † The family of **The Rev. Clarence Solberg (ret.)** who passed away on October 6. Peace to his memory. (Please see article on this page.)
- † **The Rev. Phil Petrasek ,** Christ in Ferndale, who is experiencing back pain and will have surgery on October 19. He is expected to be hospitalized 3-5 days, then at least one week recovery at home. The neurosurgeon said total healing time is 4-6 months.
- † All the families affected by the **recent hurricanes, earthquakes, and other disasters.** We pray for those affected by the famine in Niger. We pray for all the relief workers as they continue on the journey of recovery.

Within Our Family **depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.**

The Rev. Clarence Solberg

The life of The Rev. Clarence Solberg (retired) was celebrated at a memorial service October 8 at Phinney Ridge in Seattle.

Solberg, a retired pastor of the ELCA, passed away on October 6, 2005. He served as the assistant to the president of the North Pacific District from 1964 to 1969, and then served as president from 1969 to 1981. He retired in 1982.

Solberg served as senior pastor at St. John's and as pastor at Trinity. Both congregations are located in Green Bay, Wis. Earlier he served as the assistant and regional director of the Home Missions Department of the ALC; as pastor of Calvary in San Bruno, Calif.; as area missionary for the Evangelical Home Missions Department in San Bruno, Calif.; and as the pastor of six congregations in Bison-Strool Parish in Bison, S. D.

Born October 23, 1915, in Cooperstown, North Dakota, Solberg was a graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He completed his graduate studies at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, in 1969. He was ordained on June 14, 1942, and married on June 16, 1942. Solberg was a member of First of Richmond Beach. He is survived by his wife Helen and many other family members.

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

***Firstfruits Living* with Lynn Miller (V-1409)**

Firstfruits Living, a stewardship educational video set of ten study sessions for adult Sunday school classes, small groups or individuals, is led by longtime stewardship minister, Lynn Miler.

The two-video set is an actual seminar as conducted by Lynn for Walnut Grove Mennonite Church. Each segment is between ten and twenty minutes to be followed by group discussion. A study guide accompanies the video. Some of the segments are:

- "The extravagant God"
- "The law of firstfruits"
- "A new style of stewardship"
- "A matter of life and death"
- "Withness"
- "The generosity principle"

Employment Opportunities

Youth Director Position Open

Mt. View Lutheran Church of Edgewood currently seeks a youth director or youth pastor. This position is responsible for, but not limited to, directing church youth activities for 7th through 12th grade age youth to enable growth in faith. This person must conceive, initiate, and coordinate successful creative events that attract, retain, and instruct youth in the Christian faith. The youth director will have organizational, relational, communication, and teaching skills for developing, enhancing, and challenging students in their faith from a Lutheran Christian persuasion in a variety of appropriate circumstances. The youth director is responsible for written communication through newsletters, letters, and promotional materials. Computer skills are required. Lutheran Christian persuasion is preferred. Please submit resume and cover letter by email to tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org. For more information about Mt. View Lutheran, please visit www.mtviewlutheran.org. For a detailed job description, please call the Mt. View Church Office at 253-863-5171. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until November 15, 2005.

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Retirements		
Don Brekhus	Our Saviour's, Stanwood	10/1/2005
Joanne Pearson	Zion, Custer	12/1/2005
Resignations		
Lou Accola	Wooden Cross, Woodinville	9/6/2005
Paula Burchill	Bethany, Bainbridge Island	9/12/2005
Donald Brekhus	Our Saviour's, Stanwood	9/30/2005
Joanne Pearson	Zion, Custer	11/30/2005

Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	C	John Olson, Interim
Bellingham, St. John	PR	TR	Supply
Burien, Glendale	PR	P	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Camano, Camano Island	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Katheryn Schlechter and Linda Nou, Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	TR	Supply
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Larry Thompson, Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	TR	Paul Wuest, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	C	Daryl Daugs, Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	NV	Supply
Woodenville, Wooden Cross	PR	NV	Interim Pending

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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